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**SIMPSON COUNTY CRACK DEALERS PLEAD GUILTY TO
CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **RAYMOND LUCAS**, age 24, of 406 Breckenridge Street, Franklin, Kentucky, in Simpson, County, **pled guilty** to conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

The maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least four years.

Lucas pled guilty and admitted that on or about May 31, 2006, in Simpson County, Kentucky, he conspired to possess with the intent to distribute and possessed with the intent to distribute five or more grams of crack cocaine, which has a street value of approximately \$100 per gram. Lucas was arrested at a motel in Franklin, Kentucky, after attempting to sell 6.3 grams of crack cocaine to a confidential informant in a sting operation monitored by the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress, and it was investigated by the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The plea was entered before Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court,

Louisville, Kentucky.

Lucas is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Thomas B. Russell on June 19 at 12:00 p.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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